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(c) Jane Gregory Gordon married Arthur Lee Butt and had by him: Margaretta Tucker Butt, Jennie Weaver Butt and Fannie Arthur Butt.

(al) Margaretta Tucker Butt married John A. Morgan and had by him: Mary Johnson Morgan, Grace Gordon Morgan, Arthur Butt Morgan and John Carl Morgan.

(bl) Jennie Weaver Butt married Timothy Morgan, no issue.

(cl) Fannie Arthur Butt married Thaddeus F. Banks and had by him: Cecil Hall Banks, Jane Gordon Banks, Mary Elsie Banks and Guy Calvert Banks.

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THE ROBINSON FAMILY OF MIDDLESEX, &c.

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20. JOHN⁷ ROBINSON (*John⁶*) was born "February ye 3d about 10 of the Clock In the Afternoon * * Ann. Dom. 1704" (*Register*) in Middlesex County, and died May 11, 1766, at his home, "Mt. Pleasant," in King and Queen county. Unlike a number of other members of his family he was educated entirely in Virginia, completing his studies at William and Mary College. The influence of his family, and his own wealth, ability, great generosity and genial manners soon brought him into prominence. For many years he was probably the most influential man in Virginia. He was a member of the House of Burgesses for King and Queen at the session of Aug., 1736, and, without intermission, represented that county in thirty-nine sessions, dying as a member-elect. He was Speaker 1738-1765, and Treasurer of Virginia during the same period. The years during which Mr. Robinson was Speaker and Treasurer covered a period of great prosperity in Virginia, and at the same time one of extravagance and expensive living. As has been stated the Speaker was an open hearted and open handed man and liberally responded, from his own means, to numerous appeals for loans. When this recourse could not be used farther he lent the paper money of the Colony which had been redeemed and which, by law, he was directed to destroy. He also lent other public money. This was, of course, a very grave breach of trust; but it seems certain that Speaker Robinson expected to be easily able to return the whole from the payments of his creditors or from his own estate. In the end, after many years, this was indeed done.

Among the well-known incidents of his life is the occasion, when by order of the House, he was to tender a vote of thanks to Colonel Washington. The modest officer arose and tried in vain to express his thanks. "Sit down, Mr. Washington," said the courtly Speaker, "your modesty equals your valor, and that surpasses the power of any language I possess." And in 1765, horrified by Patrick Henry's boldness, Mr.



JOHN ROBINSON,
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES.

From a portrait in the possession of Mrs. Benjamin Robinson.

Robinson interrupted the famous speech on the Resolutions with the cry of "Treason."

After Speaker Robinson's death it was found that he owed the public £100,761. 7. 5, and that the debts due his estate amounted to £105,000.

The Committee of the Assembly appointed to examine into this defalcation also reported that besides the outstanding debts, the estate of which the said John Robinson died seized and possessed consisted of about 4,000 acres of land where he lived, in the county of King and Queen, about 3,200 acres on Morocosick, in that county and Caroline, about 6,500 acres in the county of Spotsylvania, about 4,250 acres in the county of Hanover, 1,200 acres in the county of King and William, some houses and lots in the city of Williamsburg, and about 400 acres of land in the county of James City all of which lands might be reasonably valued at £11,000; besides which he was interested in one third part in some lands and slaves employed working a lead mine in the county of Augusta, and the whole of those lands and slaves were bound to reimburse him the sum of £8,000, advanced for carrying on the said works; he was also interested in one share in the Dismal Swamp, and some slaves employed in draining the same, and that he died possessed of about 400 slaves and a considerable personal estate.

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THE ENGLISH DESCENT OF JOHN PLEASANTS (1645-1698) OF HENRICO COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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PLEASANTS ENTRIES—REGISTER ST. SAVIOR'S, NORWICH.

Marriages.

1637 John Wilkinson & Martha Pleasance 5 November.

1727 Wm. Dawes, this p'sh single m'n & Phillis Pleasants single woman.

1734 Vilellins Taylor, bachelor this parish & Susanna Pleasants, spinster, their parish.

PEDIGREE.

1. William Pleasants¹ of All Saints and St. Paul's parishes, Norwich; mar. 1st ante 1556, Katherine Putrasse¹ of All Saints parish, Norwich (will pd. February 13, 1558); children:

Robert,² see below.

Agnes.³

Mar. 2nd Alice¹ ———, bur. St. Paul's, Norwich, January 22, 1573; children:

Thomas,² bur. All Saints, September 18, 1579.

Joanne²? m. John Parke.